# Gilbert Arizona Second Program Year Action Plan

The CPMP Second Year Annual Action Plan includes the <u>SF 424</u> and Narrative Responses to Action Plan questions that CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG grantees must respond to each year in order to be compliant with the Consolidated Planning Regulations. The Executive Summary narratives are optional.

# GENERAL

# Executive Summary: Program Year 2 Action Plan

Gilbert is a rapidly growing suburban community located in the larger Phoenix, Arizona metropolitan area. Citizen participation was encouraged through numerous notices, invitations, announcements and presentations. Comments were incorporated in the planning process. The Town Council determines priorities and allocates funds after receiving recommendations from staff and the Community Services Committee advisory board. Staff monitor contract performance and provide technical assistance as necessary to ensure community needs and federal requirements are met. Applications and contracts require providers to report performance measurement including outcomes and indicators.

Gilbert's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership activities for 2011-12 are summarized below. This includes all affordable housing, homeless, supportive housing and community development strategies. Gilbert participates in the Maricopa HOME Consortium and takes a regional approach to plan and report housing and homeless activities. The Consortium's Annual Plan includes a complete description of Gilbert's 2011-12 HOME and CDBG funded housing and homeless activities.

### Housing

Housing needs assessment and activities are coordinated with the Maricopa HOME Consortium. Gilbert supports the following housing activities:

- Emergency and minor repair program- \$195,000 in FY 10/11 carryover CDBG funds to assist 38 low and moderate income, owner occupied households. It is anticipated an additional \$50,000 in CDBG funds will be allocated to this activity during FY 11/12.
- The Sonora Town Major Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction program
  will be cancelled this plan year and rescheduled for fifth year activity. The
  Sonora Town Sewer Project needs to be completed before any rehabilitation
  and/or reconstruction in this neighborhood can begin. Funds will be
  reallocated to another activity this plan year.
- Gilbert has allocated \$300,000 in FY 10/11 and FY 11/12 HOME funds to aquire and rehabilitate 2-3 single family units for permanent affordable rentals for low-income families.

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# **Homeless Prevention**

Gilbert participates with the Maricopa HOME Consortium and the Maricopa Association of Governments Continuum of Care to support regional solutions to homelessness. See the Housing and Community Development categories for information. Gilbert will support the following homeless prevention activities:

### In Gilbert:

 \$146,766 in Gilbert General Funds, allocated to 8 local and regional social service organizations assisting the homeless, individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless and providing homelessness prevention service.

# In the East Valley and metro Phoenix area:

- Emergency shelter and support services
- Supportive services for the elderly and disabled

# **Community Development**

# <u>Public Services</u> - \$98,216 in CDBG funds

- Senior Center operation and nutrition program for elderly and disabled persons, \$98,216 in CDBG and \$37,821 in General Funds.
- \$184,234 in General Funds allocated to 13 social service organizations assisting the youth, elderly, disabled, and other low income persons.

# Economic Development

- Front Runner Entrepreneur Program- \$58,512 in FY 10/11 carryover CDBG funds for technical assistance to help entrepreneurs and small businesses over a 1 year period to create or retain at least 3 low/moderate income jobs by growing their business.
- Human Capital Job Training Program- \$95,337 in FY 10/11 carryover CDBG funds and \$100,000 in FY 11/12 CDBG funds to provide new or expanding Gilbert businesses with a grant to increase the quality of workforce through job retention and new job creation. This does so by providing job training to new employees (must have been previously unemployed or underemployed and income qualify by HUD's 2011 guidelines). Training is also available to current employees (also must income qualify) who are in need of retooling their skill set in order to retain their job due to the business expansion.

# Barrier Removal - \$195,000 in carryover FY 10/11 CDBG funds

- Emergency home repair- \$195,000 to assist 38 Gilbert homeowners
- Education and technical assistance on meeting the Americans with Disabilities Act standards

# Public Facility/Infrastructure Improvements - \$566,575 in CDBG Funds

 Reallocate \$300,000 from Sonora Town Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Project and \$266,576 in unallocated FY 11/12 CDBG funds to low and moderate income area public facility and infrastructure improvements. Activities and amounts will be determined during a mid-year allocation process (Begins late 2011).

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 A New Leaf, La Mesita Homeless Family Shelter Plumbing Improvements -\$15,000 in materials and supplies to assist in replacing plumbing fixtures for 26 homeless family shelter units.

# Antipoverty Strategy

The Town of Gilbert addresses poverty by assisting programs that promote independence and self sufficiency for low and moderate income persons. \$98,216 in CDBG, approximately \$328,000 in Gilbert General Funds, and \$8,000 in Gilbert Neighbor 2 Neighbor Funds (Gilberts utility donation program), have been allocated to these activities. See the Anti-Poverty section, the Housing, Homeless Prevention and Community Development sections for more information.

- Affordable rental housing
- · Emergency and transitional shelter
- Emergency financial assistance for homeless prevention
- Basic needs assistance for homeless and low to moderate income residents
- Emergency and minor home repairs and rehabilitation
- Job creation activities

# Non-Homeless Special Needs

Approximately \$328,000 in Gilbert General Funds, and \$98,216 in CDBG funds have been allocated to the general activities listed below. See the Non-Homless Special Needs section and the Housing and Community Development sections for more information.

- · Self sufficiency counseling
- Nutrition program and other supportive services for elderly and disabled
- Emergency assistance and homeless prevention
- Information and referral assistance
- Classes and counseling for parents at risk of family violence

### **Performance Measurement System**

A Performance Measurement System has been established to report and monitor accomplishments. Goals and objectives for 2011-12 include:

# **Public Services**

Persons will be assisted with the goal of affordability for the objective of creating suitable living environments.

# Housing Programs

Persons will be assisted with the goal of availability/accessibility for the objective of creating decent housing.

# Economic Development

Persons will be assisted with the goal of sustainability for the objective of creating economic opportunities.

### **Evaluation of Past Performance**

Gilbert made significant progress towards meeting Annual Plan and Consolidated Plan Goals in 2009-10.

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 Completion of the design stage of Sonora Town sewer/water/lighting project was completed and will utilize \$500,000 in prior year CDBG funds to complete upgrade and repairs to this low income Gilbert neighborhood.

- The maximum amount of CDBG allowed was expended to provide public services for 339 persons
- \$203,340 was expended providing emergency and minor rehab assistance to 30 homeowners.

See the 2009-10 CAPER for more information.

# Summary of Funded Activities - Second Year Action Plan

CDBG and HOME Funds	2011-12 CDBG	2010-11 2011-12 HOME	General Funds * Neighbor 2 Neighbor	2010-11 Carry Forward	<u>Leverage</u>	<u>Total</u>
Housing						
Community Services of AZ:						
Emergency / Minor Repair	\$50,000**			\$195,000	\$12,000	\$257,000
ARM of Save the Family:						
Affordable rentals		\$300,000				\$300,000
Public Facility/infrastructure						
Improvements						
Activities to be determined Nov 2011	\$266,576**			\$300,000**		\$566,575
A New Leaf:	·				1	
La Mesita Plumbing Project	\$15,000				\$975,000	\$990,000
Public Services: CDBG- max. of 15%,	•					
\$98,216						
Boys & Girls Club:						
Gilbert Project Learn			\$125,000		\$454,000	\$579,000
Community Services of Arizona:						: :
Gilbert CAP			\$123,166		\$200,208	\$323,374
Community Services of AZ:						
Gilbert Senior Center	\$98,216		\$37,821		\$372,810	\$508,847
Other Activities:						
Homeless, youth, disabled, etc.			\$50,013		\$43,208,769	\$43,253,782
Economic Development:						
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Front Runner Entrepreneur Program		:		\$58,512		\$58,512
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Human Capital Program (job training)	\$100,000			\$95,337		\$195,337
Administration and Planning:						
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Administration and Planning	\$125,000	i				\$125,000
Total Allocation	\$654,792	\$300,000	\$336,000	\$648,849	\$45,222,787	\$47,157,428

<sup>\*\*</sup>NOTE: These are estimated amounts. Final funding amounts and projects are expected to be approved after a mid-year RFP process in late 2011.